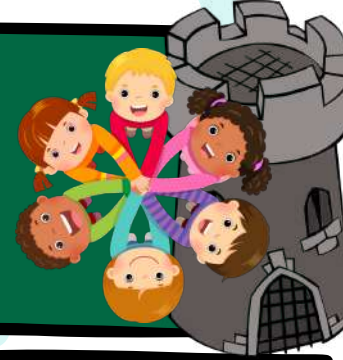




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Friday 17th **OCTOBER** 2025

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THANK YOU!

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Teaching & Learning Review - Thank You! On Monday, we welcomed Jon Hills (CEO of TAMAT) and Liz Bowes (Ofsted Inspector) to carry out a Teaching & Learning Review at our school. It was a really positive day! They were extremely complimentary about the children's: Excellent behaviour / Love of learning / Confidence and engagement / Our beautiful and well-maintained learning environment. They observed some fantastic lessons, spoke to the children, and looked at their books. A report will follow soon, outlining our many strengths, as well as areas for improvement - because no school is perfect, and we're always looking to grow. Thank you to all the staff and every child for showing the very best of Crawley Ridge!

Young Children & Natural Curiosity As an infant school, we work with very young children. It's natural for children to become curious about their bodies as they grow and develop. Sometimes, children may become more tactile with themselves - this is completely normal at this age. If a teacher has spoken to you about this or you have concerns at home, please speak to us - we are here to support without judgment. Some simple things that help: For boys: a snug belt (not too tight) can act as a reminder / For girls: wearing shorts over underwear under dresses or skirts can help. We're always happy to work together to help children learn about appropriate boundaries in a kind and age-appropriate way.

Parking Complaints - Please Be Respectful We've received another complaint from local residents regarding blocked driveways and parking over pedestrian crossings and kerbs. Please remember - while this is your child's school, it is surrounded by people's homes. If the roles were reversed, it wouldn't feel fair. Some residents have now begun reporting incidents to the local council, and fines are being issued. If you park illegally, please do not be surprised if you are fined. Let's work together to show respect to our community.

Fire Drill Practice This week we held our first fire drill of the school year, and the children were brilliant. The alarm went off just after 09:30 and everyone calmly and safely exited the building. All children and staff were accounted for in a great time, with the entire site cleared and locked down efficiently. A big well done to the children for their sensible behaviour, especially our new starters in Reception and Nursery - it can be a loud and unfamiliar experience, but they did so well!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mr O'Shea 😊



DIARY DATES

- Reading & Phonics workshop for all parents - 20th Oct @ 08:45
- Outdoor Learning Day - 23rd Oct @ 15:00
- End of Autumn term 1 - Thursday 23rd Oct
- INSET Day (school closed to children) - Friday 24th Oct
- Start of Autumn 2 term - Tuesday 4th November
- Odd socks day for kindness week - Monday 10th November
- 2026-2027 New Reception intake tours - 11th Nov @ 10:00 & 13:30
- Nursery parents' stay & play - 17th - 21st November @ 14:20 (more info to follow)
- Rec, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Parents' evening - 18th Nov 16:30 - 19:30 & 20th Nov 15:30 - 18:00
- **Tissues 4 Trainers (more info to follow) - 21st Nov**
- **2026-2027 New Reception intake tours - 26th Nov @ 11:00 & 13:30**
- **PTA Hot Choc sale - 28th Nov @ 3pm**

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

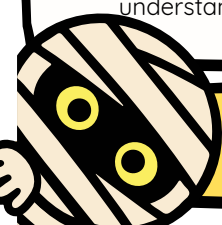
Leo and the Octopus is a beautifully illustrated story that sensitively explores neurodiversity and friendship through the eyes of a boy who sees the world differently. With warmth and insight, it encourages empathy and understanding, making it a valuable read for children and adults alike.



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This week in early years, we have...

NUR

This week in nursery, our topic has been **"People Who Help Us"**, and the children have loved learning about the wonderful helpers in our community. We talked about teachers, doctors, nurses, posties, firefighters, the army and lollipop people, discussing the important jobs they do and the uniforms they wear, and we've even made our own shiny badges and helmets to wear. Our role play has been full of action – dressing up as firefighters, putting out "fires" and mixing paint to create burning, bright fire pictures. We used spray bottles to put out the flames, helping us build strong hands, and made emergency vehicle paper plate crafts too. Our role play corner has transformed into a vets' surgery, where the children have been caring for poorly animals with lots of kindness and imagination. Next week, we're excited to continue our "People Who Help Us" topic – with some special visitors coming in to see us!



REC

We've had a fantastic week in Reception exploring the story **'Little Acorn'**. We began the week with a fun-filled morning outdoors where the children went on a number hunt, subitised numbers to 3 using conkers, blended words written in hoops, explored colour mixing and gravity by rolling conkers through paint, and made leaf confetti using shaped cutters. Throughout the week, the children have also created the life cycle of an acorn, made fork-painted and playdough hedgehogs, used natural objects to make patterns in playdough, and decorated leaf outlines with tissue paper to create stained glass-style windows. In maths, we have been learning to find one more and one less than numbers to 3, exploring the composition of numbers to 3, and identifying circles and triangles in our environment. In phonics, we have been recapping all the sounds taught so far. Please check your child's homework to see which sounds they are secure with and which ones you can continue to practise together over the half term. In writing, the children have started using sound mats and 'harder to read and spell' word mats to write short phrases and sentences such as "the cat" or "the cat sat on the mat."



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This week in KS1 we have...

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Is it me or has it been a bit chillier this week; definitely feeling a bit more autumnal in the mornings! With a short week to go next week (inset day on Friday for the children!) we are making our way towards the end of our first half term together in Year 1. It has been a very long and tiring half term- next week is week 8, so please try and rest up at the weekend as we still have a busy 4 days to go before half term. Our new story this week in English has been **"Snail in Space"** by Rachel Bright and Nadia Shireen. In the story we follow the journey of Gail, a snail who doesn't want to follow the pack. Gail has big dreams of being the first snail into space. This week we have been immersing ourselves in the text, sequencing the key events and writing about some of our favourite parts of the story. Maths this week has seen us trying to find a missing number using a part part whole model. If we know the whole number and one of the parts, then we should be able to work out the missing part- effectively we have begun to subtract for the first time. In the foundation subjects we have been exploring the difference between a town and countryside setting in Geography, while in Science we sorted food types into the 4 main flavour groups: salty, sweet, sour and bitter. In RE we have finished off our learning about Creation by being creative ourselves, finding different ways to represent the Christian Creation story. Alongside all this the children have also been completing their independent learning challenges, extending and embedding their learning in independent tasks linked to our previous learning. These have included creating 3D models of space craft or towns and cities, making maps adding labels of physical and human features and a science task where the children have been testing their senses by identifying different objects by their texture. Have a great weekend. The Year 1 Team



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What an exciting week we have had! The children loved Castle Day. They had a fantastic time learning to juggle, play medieval games, making chalk stained glass windows and writing using calligraphy. This week in English we have been learning about different sentence types. In maths the children have been learning about addition and subtraction. This week we have been adding 3 one digit numbers, adding to ten and adding across ten. In science we have been learning about the importance of exercise and the effects of exercise on the body. In music we have continued to learn to sing folk songs and practised singing sea shanties. In D.T. this week we have continued to work on our castles. This week we added our drawbridges with a winder.



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The Nurture Hub & PTA

This Week in the Nurture Hub

This week in the Nurture Hub, we've continued to enjoy our morning movement sessions, helping everyone start the day feeling active, focused, and ready to learn.

During our fine motor skills group, we practiced lacing shapes, which helps strengthen the small muscles in our hands and fingers—skills that are essential for writing, drawing, and everyday tasks.

In our emotional development sessions, we explored big, medium, and small problems, learning how to break challenges down into smaller, more manageable steps.

Our social skills and friendship groups have been busy preparing for Halloween by creating witches together and enjoying some mindful Halloween colouring.

During turn-taking and imaginative play, we've had great fun playing board games and using our role-play toys to build cooperation, creativity, and confidence.

We are also collecting new or gently used toys for the Nurture Hub. Donations can be dropped off during morning or afternoon pick-up times. If I'm not inside, please feel free to leave them safely on the walkway.

Thank you for your continued support—we're looking forward to a fantastic event that will benefit our whole school community!



Thank you to all our donators and buyers at last week's Bake sale, you raised £170.

A big thank you to the set-up and selling volunteers, we can't run it without you.

Challenge 2025 - can you help raise a whole target of £2025 to go towards outdoor learning and play equipment?

Parentmail and bookbag handouts have been given out this week with further Information. Families are welcome to do this jointly or individually and any amount raised is greatly appreciated. Don't forget to the share the challenge efforts via the school's private Facebook page.

Save the date - Saturday 13th December Christmas Ice Magic. CRIS is joining up with 4 other local schools to run a Christmas event, this will be held at St Augustine's Catholic Primary School - all monies raised to be shared equally between the 5 schools.



Challenge 2025 Sum-up code



CRIS PTA community
WhatsApp group



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School Clubs

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the Clubs section of our school website.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
	Camberley Judo Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm		

You might be interested in...



READING AND PHONICS WORKSHOP

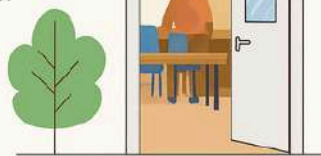
**Monday 20th October 2025
08:45 - 09:15**

Miss Saunders will be holding a reading and phonics workshop for all parents. She will discuss the importance of reading and writing.



This will be held in the main hall. Drop off your child at school and then enter via the white double doors into the hall.

We hope to see many of you there.



Join Us for Our **CHRISTMAS TOY SALE**

Support Families & Our School Community

Dear Parents and Carers. As the festive season draws near, we're excited to share a special initiative aimed at supporting our school community during what can be a joyful—but financially challenging—time of year.

Donate

We're inviting families to donate new or gently used toys. These can be dropped off at the Nurture Hub from the 1st of October.

This event is not only a great way to give and receive during the festive season—it's also a fundraiser. All proceeds from the sale will go directly towards purchasing equipment for the children at our school, ensuring the benefits of this event are shared widely across our community.

Shop

Come along to our Toy Sale throughout November (dates tbc). Toys will be sold at affordable prices, with discounted options available to ensure all families have the opportunity to find something special for their children.

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You might be interested in...

Dear Parents,

Over the last few weeks your child has attended some free Playball sessions at nursery. I am delighted to announce that after half term we will be back offering early drop off sessions for the Nursery children at Crawley Ridge. We will be running the sessions 8:30 – 9am every Tuesday and Thursday. To book all you need to do is email me your child's name, date of birth, any relevant medical notes, days at the nursery, days you wish them to attend Playball and a contact number. **Spaces are given on a first come first serve basis**, so please email playball.harry@gmail.com for more information. Please note, the session will only go ahead if enough children book in to each day.

Kind Regards,
Harry Simmonds
07588681052

What is Playball?

Playball is a multi-sports programme that teaches life skills to children through sport and movement. Our progressive curriculum is designed and researched by Occupational Therapists and Sports Scientists, and is constantly being updated inline with the latest trends and findings. At Playball the children participate in games and skills that cover 8 sports; Football, Tennis, Rugby, Hockey, Baseball, Volleyball, Cricket and Basketball.

Playball at Crawley Ridge – Autumn Term

Tuesdays / Thursdays 6 week term

1 day - £39 (£6.50 per session)

Both days - £71.50

Start: 4th / 6th November

End: 9th / 11th December

Payment should be made by the start of term and details will be sent out at the time of booking. Payment can be made in instalments if easier for parents.



22ND DEC, 10 AM - 3 PM, CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL - £35 - YEAR 2 UPWARDS

CALM CREW CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

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FIREWORKS & BONFIRE NIGHT

Friday | Nov | 7th

- HUGE FIREWORKS DISPLAY
- BBQ • BEER & MULLED WINE • MUSIC • GLOW STICKS
- POCKET MONEY TREATS

TICKETS (ADVANCE/ON THE DOOR)

ADULT: £6.50/£7.00 CHILD: £4.50/£5.00
PRESCHOOLER: £2.50/£3.00
FAMILY: 2 ADULTS & UP TO 3 CHILDREN: £18.00 (ADVANCE)

GATES OPEN: 17:30
LOW BANG DISPLAY: 18:00
BONFIRE LIT: 18:30
MAIN DISPLAY: 19:15

Holy Trinity C of E Primary School, West End
Woking GU24 9JQ

Al Pinkerton's Christmas Card Competition

OPEN TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN IN SURREY HEATH

Get your colouring pens and paintbrushes at the ready, because I am looking for a design to be featured on the front of my official parliamentary Christmas card.

Please send all entries to:
Dr Al Pinkerton MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA
Or digitally to: al.pinkerton.mp@parliament.uk

Deadline:
3 November 2025

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Things you should know...

Drop-off & Collection	Gates open 08:25 . Classrooms open 08:35–08:45 . After 08:45 , children must enter via the office and are marked late.
P.E. Days	Reception: Tues / Year 1: Wed & Fri / Year 2: Mon & Thurs ⊘ No earrings on PE days (staff cannot remove or cover).
What to Bring	Bookbags only (rucksacks only if in clubs). Water bottles: simple plastic with pop-up lid (no metal/foldable). Keyrings: 1 small only. ⊘ No toys, cuddly items, smart watches, or camera devices.
Forest School	Years 1 & 2: Tues, from w/b 15th Sept (groups of 15, alternating). Reception: Mon, from w/b 20th Apr (groups of 15, alternating). Wear joggers/wellies, uniform top.
Packed Lunches	Include main item, fruit/veg, protein, and dairy . Drinks: water or milk only . ⊘ No nuts, fizzy drinks, or sweets. Limit crisps/chocolate. 🍌 NHS Healthier Lunchboxes
Birthdays	Children may wear own clothes on their birthday (or nearest school day). ⊘ No sweets or treats.
Labelling Belongings	Please clearly name all items (jumpers, coats, water bottles etc).
Reading at Home	Read with an adult 3+ times per week (5–10 mins). Record sessions in reading record.
Homework	KS1: homework shared by class teachers. Reception: focus on reading at home.
Collection Passwords	Staff will use passwords until they know families. Call office if unsure. If someone else collects your child, they must know the password.
Cool Milk Scheme	Free for under 5s. Paid option for older children. 🍌 Cool Milk
ParentMail	Existing parents: continue as normal. New parents: please follow setup instructions. ParentMail is our main communication tool.

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WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a school Facebook and X (Twitter) account. These accounts will post regular updates. Updates will include photos and videos, events and reminders. Children with current school photo permission will be included on these platforms.



Click above, to follow us on X (Twitter)
Our username is @Crawleyridge1

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